

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### Department of Economic Development Office of Business Development

#### Enterprise Zone Program (LAC 13:I.Chapter 7)

This Emergency Rule is being published pursuant to emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B). The Department of Economic Development has an immediate need for rules for the Enterprise Zone Program (R.S. 51:1787 and R.S. 51:921 et seq.), to effect fees under the new fee schedule provided by HB 773 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. A delay in imposition of such fees would hinder effective administration of this program, impose unfunded and unrecoverable costs on the department, and delay access to the program by qualified applicants, resulting in an adverse financial impact on the state, the department, Louisiana businesses and taxpayers. This Emergency Rule shall become effective October 29, 2015, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act, or until a final Rule is promulgated in accordance with law, whichever occurs first.

This Emergency Rule is being promulgated in order to continue the provisions of the July 1, 2015 Emergency Rule (effective for 120 days), published in the *Louisiana Register*, as an Emergency Rule in the July 2015 edition, and then which will be incorporated into a Notice of Intent in the November 2015 edition, with a public hearing expected in December 2015.

#### Title 13

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Part I. Financial Incentive Programs

#### Chapter 7. Enterprise Zone Program

##### §717. Annual Employee Certification

A. An annual employee certification report (ECR) must be filed with the business incentive services by May 31 on all active contracts validating compliance with §§709, 711, 713, and 715. An employee certification report fee of \$250 shall be submitted with the report. Failure to file may result in contract cancellation. One 30-day extension may be granted if requested in writing.

B. - D.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:1786(5).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 29:2301 (November 2003), amended LR 37:2373 (August 2011), LR 40:494 (March 2014), LR 42:

##### §721. Advance Notification

A. An advance notification form, and a \$250 fee, shall be filed with business incentive services prior to the beginning of the project. All incentives for the same project must be indicated on one advance notification and be identified by one project number. It is not acceptable to apply for Enterprise Zone Program and use the same project in a miscellaneous capital addition application for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program. Internet filing of the advance notification may be made at the department website.

B. - D. ...

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##### §723. Application

A. - B. ...

C. An application fee equal to 0.5 percent (0.005) of the total estimated tax relief shall be submitted with each application. Total estimated tax relief includes jobs tax credits, state sales and use tax rebates and investment tax credits. Jobs tax credits are calculated by multiplying the total new jobs estimated to be created within the five-year contract period by \$2,500 (\$5,000 for rubber, aerospace or auto parts manufacturers). An additional application fee will be due if a project's employment or investment is increased from that stated in the application, resulting in a minimum fee of \$100 more than previously paid. The minimum fee is \$500 and the maximum fee is \$15,000 per application. All fees shall be made payable to Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

D. ...

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##### §729. Enterprise Zone Program Contract

A. ...

B. Business incentive services must be notified, on the prescribed form, of any change that will affect the contract. A fee of \$250 shall be submitted with a request for any contract amendment. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in the ownership or operational name of the business holding a contract, or the suspension, closing, or abandonment of operations. Failure to report any changes within six months may constitute a breach of contract.

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##### §731. Project Completion

A. Within six months after the project ending date or the governor's signature on the contract, whichever is later, the business shall file with business incentive services, on the prescribed form, a project completion report and an affidavit of final cost. A project completion report fee of \$250 and an affidavit of final cost fee of \$250 shall be submitted with these forms or any amendments to these forms.

B. - D. ...

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